

Westwood Civic Association
General Membership Meeting September 19, 2017
Minutes

Present: Shawntee Stallworth Schramm, Sara Overstake, Steve Beckman, John Bowen, Stephen Schramm, Emily Miller Reynolds, Geneva Clark, April Stephens, Trinette Zawadzki, Thomas Sauter

Absences: Joe Corso, Larry Eiser, Anne Murphy, Abe Brandyberry, Henry Frondorf

1. Call to Order – Shawntee’ Stallworth-Schramm
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll call
4. Approval of Agenda – **Thomas motions to approve the agenda removing Gerald Fortson from the agenda and adding Paul from Water Works. Emily seconds. Motion passes unanimously.**
5. Approval of August general meeting minutes – **Thomas motions to approve August general meeting minutes. Emily seconds. Motion passes unanimously.**
7. Police – Officer Rich Minella spoke about crime. Numbers are still low on violence and shootings. A few arrests have been made. A lot of cars are getting broken into. UDFs are getting robbed, but two arrests were made. There are info sheets about identity fraud. District 3 is having their annual “Stuff the Cruiser” event and taking donations for the SPCA at the Petsmart on Saturday Oct. 21 10am-2pm. Officers suggest not leaving anything of value in the cars. Thefts from autos tend to cycle. Captain Jones spoke about the methadone clinic going in at Glencrossing, owned by Pinnacle, which is a for-profit clinic. Kentucky has strict laws about these types of clinics, but Ohio does not have as strict of laws. Possibly late October/early November they will open. Individuals who go there will have a drug screen, get therapy from counselors, and receive methadone each day at the location. He told the owners they need to speak to the community groups. This is the first for-profit program like this in Ohio. They seem professional. There is a fear that this will attract people with addictions to this community, but there are already people with addictions here. The people seeking these services are looking for help. They believe it takes a year and a half for the treatment to work. Captain Jones admitted that if he lived in Westwood, he would not be concerned about having this clinic in the community.

8. Fire – On the heroin front, 45211 is not as high as downtown or Price Hill. In August they administered naran 10 times in Westwood. They average 14-15 runs a day. Home heating tips for cooler weather: When you turn on the furnace, you may have a funny smell at first, but it is a good idea to have someone service the furnace each year. With wood burning fireplaces, you can get build-up on the inside of the chimney that would get into the walls and cause problems. Do not heat the house with the stove. This can lead to carbon monoxide in the air, which does not have a smell.

9. CRC - Jincey – Tae Kwon Do is here on Monday nights with adults and seniors. Zumba is on Tuesday and Thursday nights. There is a preschool program on T, W, Th, and F. Spinning at the Brewery at 11:00am – October 15. Building is available for rental. There is an after school day camp for \$95/month and Club CRC is only \$10 per quarter. Friday night is Teen Night with snacks and activities. All are encouraged to join as members.

10. Mike Moroski – For School Board – Jaila spoke on behalf of Mike. He is the Executive Director of Upspring. He has a “Straight A” plan for the district to make it more accessible by having a greater presence in the community. Question about the Charter Schools – Mike is not in support of charter schools, but is willing to have a conversation about it if it is in the best interest of the child. Mike wants to improve transparency.

11. Paul – Greater Cincinnati Water Works update, will begin monthly billing in January. There are lead service lines in Cincinnati. The goal is to have all lead service lines replaced in 15 years. Property owners will need to change out private service lines on their property, as decided by City Council. Water Works will work with owners to replace their lines as they are replacing the public lines in the area. There will be communication about timeline for replacements. More info is available at lead.mycww.org. They have been testing for lead at schools, and the results are posted on the website. If you decide not to change the lines, eventually you will not have water service. In general, lead pipes were not used after the 1920s.

12. Deb Vance – Baha’is Center – 2723 Montana Avenue, they are having a bicentenary event on Saturday October 21st at 7:00pm.

13. Westwood Uniting- A look at public safety in Westwood. Let’s take a stand against crime in our community. Facilitators needed. Saturday September 23, 10am-12pm. Cincinnati Police will be in attendance.

14. NSP for 2018 Discussion – John Bowen – list of what was spent in 2017 was distributed. Emily suggested pedestrian safety efforts for high traffic crosswalks, such as Montana/Harrison and Montana/Cheviot near the YMCA. Suggestion to

discuss what we have been supporting that we would like to continue doing – Newsletter, Art show, Deck the Hall, Multi-cultural fest. We should consider getting new American flags for the business district. There needs to be a vote by Westwood citizens at the next meeting to approve the NSP budget.

15. Variance for 6168 Glenway, Outback Steakhouse – Shawntee’ – Hearing October 4, 2:30pm, II Centennial Place - Adding signage to the building with request for a zoning variance. There are not diagrams or pictures to review at this meeting. There is not a lot of concern about signs that Outback Steakhouse would put up. We will take no action.

16. Youth Council update – Emily – Suicide walk on September 26 – service project for the year. Booths were set up with resources. Police officers helped out with the walk. There were about 35 people. There is core group of teens leading the council and planning events. They participated in Second Saturdays. Volunteers are welcome to help. They meet the 3rd Friday of the month at Westwood Town Hall. They will participate in the Walk to Prevent Suicide on October 15, 5-9pm.

17. Fall Cleanup/UC Cincy Kids! – Oct. 14, 9am-12pm – Shawntee’ – We need Site Leaders and Volunteers

18. Other business

- a) Adopt A Pot will be decorated for the winter. Let Emily know if you want to claim a pot and decorate it.
- b) Screening of the Cincinnati Leads the Nation Documentary about District 3 police station – Wednesday 9/20/17, Airs on PBS Nov. 9, 9pm.
- c) Liz Kissell – More plans are getting firmed up for the sesquicentennial for Westwood next year. Westwood-opoly is getting put together with sponsors. The hope is to get the community organizations to sponsor a corner. Cost for sponsoring a street range from \$200-350.

Emily motions to adjourn. Steve Beckman seconds.

Announcements:

Westwood Uniting to Stop the Violence - A look at Public Safety in Westwood.
Refreshments Provided.

Community meeting Sat. September 23rd, 10-12p.
United Methodist Church

Youth Council: This is for youth 12-18. For more information go to cincyunitedyouth.org